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Mathew Topic
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RE: 19-01064-F Initial Determination

Dear Mathew Topic:

This is the Department of Education's (the Department) initial determination letter to your request dated, March 11, 2019, seeking information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Your request was forwarded to the appropriate office(s) within the Department for any responsive documents they may have.

Due to the Department's pending FOIA backlog, we will not be able to provide records by the 20 day statutory requirement. We aim to complete your request as promptly as possible, but at this time, we are unable to provide an estimated completion date.

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Sincerely

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